Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Will Hanson graduated from Reeder High School, Reeder, North Dakota, where he participated in basketball and track and field; and,

Whereas, In 1974, Will graduated from Dickinson State College at Dickinson, North Dakota, and began his teaching career at Bowman Public Schools, Bowman, North Dakota, as the vocal instructor for grades 4-12; and,

Whereas, Will arrived in Pierre, South Dakota, for the 1988-89 school year, and has given 20 years of dedicated service to the students at Riggs High School as their choral instructor; and,

Whereas, Will is credited for introducing several new projects to the Riggs chorus, the most popular being "Festival," which invites one or two renowned directors to work with the choristers each year, followed by the Festival Concert, rivaled at the college level; and,

Whereas, Will provided musical direction to students in eleven high school musical productions from 1989s "Guys and Dolls" to 2007s "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"; and,

Whereas, Will's last concert will be Monday, May 12, 2008, and he will retire from teaching at the end of the 2007-08 school year, and it is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the momentous occasion of his retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends, and family as they recognize Will for his commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement and fun on the links.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State